



The Revival & Outpouring of The Holy Spirit in 1948

Things I Have Seen and Heard

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MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND WITNESS

My brethren have been asking me for some time to write regarding the beginning of this Present Move of the Holy Spirit, which began in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, in February, 1948. This is because I am the only one still living of the ministering brethren which were actually present as witnesses of this great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the great revival that sincere Christians everywhere had been praying for.

Others of our present, more senior, ministering brethren, arrived very shortly afterward, when they heard what God was doing in the Bible School. These brethren were pastoring churches in the surrounding areas. Many of them are still ministering at this present time, in many places and countries, as we endeavour by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the message of truth that has been revealed, and is continuing to be revealed by the Holy Spirit. This message is still alive and burning in our hearts, and is spreading to many countries in the world. There are other members of the Body of Christ

who were also present in 1947-48 and are still fellowshipping in surrounding local churches.

My Personal Testimony

I was raised on a small farm near a small town called Thorsby, about 35 miles southwest of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. My parents immigrated to Canada from Poland, along with myself, three years of age, and my sister, who was one year old.

My parents belonged to a denominational church, but were excommunicated after they were born again through the testimony of born again believers in the area. I was about six or seven years old then. These believers gathered in each others homes for prayer meetings and services; in charge were men that were real elders, shepherding the flock which grew quickly in numbers as others also were saved. There was a real spiritual move on and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. I remember so well, as a young boy, standing beside my father in the services, weeping before the Lord, as I felt the precious moving of the Holy Spirit in my young life. I sense that same Holy Presence even now while I am

writing. Thank you Lord!

Some time later a denominational group heard of our gatherings and contacted some of our men. They came out to see what was happening. They eventually convinced our local brethren to join this denomination and organization, which was thought of as the most spiritual of that time.

In the mid-forties some of our young people attended this denomination's Bible College in the province of Saskatchewan. It was very wonderful, because along with study classes, they also spent much time in prayer and fasting, seeking God and praying for Him to send a revival under the direction of Spirit-filled, dedicated faculty members.

This was the testimony of our young people after returning home in the spring, after spending several winter months at the Bible College. Their testimony created a desire in my heart to know God in an even more intimate way. By this time I was in my teenage years. We had a very wonderful brother as our pastor at this time, encouraging us young people to sincerely dedicate our lives to serve God. I was also

encouraged to attend Bible College.

However, after the Bible College term of 1946/47, the faculty decided not to return to this denomination Bible College. This was because of pressure from headquarters on the faculty to spend more time in teaching and studies, and spend less time in waiting on God in prayer and fasting; because that took away too much time from their studies. These spiritual brethren felt rather cut off and pushed out. They began to seek God about another suitable place to establish a Bible School, hopefully for the very next term beginning in the fall of 1947-1948.

In a very miraculous way God opened an effectual door to them through contact with another ministering brother in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. He was very sympathetic, with the same longing and desire as the brethren that were looking for a suitable place. These brethren now were praying and seeking God together for guidance. They became aware of the abandoned airport buildings which were in use during World War II. After investigating the possibilities and contacting the government authorities, the brethren were able to negotiate a satisfactory deal. They proceeded to make plans to establish a new undenominational Bible School at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada.

In the fall of 1947, I was again encouraged to attend this new Bible College. At this point I had a decision to make; I was 20 years of age on June 29, 1947, and I had been accepted at two different jobs that I had applied for and was very interested in. I sincerely prayed for guidance to make the right decision between the two jobs and Bible School. I desired with all my heart to do God's will. Then, on August 3, 1947, I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What a glorious, life-changing experience that was for me. After that I had no problem deciding, because I knew what God's will was for me. I turned down the other two jobs. The people who wanted to hire me could not understand why I would choose Bible College over fairly responsible jobs for a young man 20 years of age. They shook their heads

and wished me well.

Then, in October of 1947, about seventy students gathered for the first term of this new Bible College. They came from various places and backgrounds and schools. Some that had attended the denominational Bible College the previous year, also came. Some were third year students, some were second year students, but most were first year students. I was privileged to be one of the latter. There was still a lot of work to be done in the buildings in preparation for classes to begin. So for the next while we all helped. We were cleaning classrooms and building benches for the classrooms, under the supervision of knowledgeable brethren. We worked hard during the day, and gathered for prayer in the evenings. Very quickly the Spirit of God placed the burden of intercessory prayer upon our hearts and we cried out to God from the depths of our hearts that He would send a tremendous, spiritual revival into our own hearts and the whole church and world. God spoke to us by prophecy, reminding us of His promises and also of His warnings, which have been recorded in His inspired, Holy Scriptures.

I will endeavour with the help of the Holy Spirit quickening my memory, to share with you from my own personal experience a brief overview of what happened and how the Holy Spirit moved upon us, little by little, from glory to glory, (and the process is still ongoing.)

As I was preparing to write this article, I've been asking God to inspire my heart and memory with things that I had **seen and heard** and **witnessed**. My thoughts turned to scriptures like these:

Acts 22:15 "For thou shalt be His **witness** unto all men of what thou hast **seen and heard**."

Jno. 15:27 "And ye also shall **bear witness** because ye have been with me **from the beginning**."

I Jno. 1:3 "That which we have **seen and heard** declare we unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

Things I Have Seen, Heard and Witnessed From the Beginning

I have mentioned earlier the prophecies that were given, reminding us of God's promises, also warnings, which drove us to our knees and to call on God in prayer.

2 Chron. 7:14 - "**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**"

Jer. 29:13 - "And ye shall **seek me, and find me**, when ye shall **search** for me with **all your heart**."

* Please take your Bible right now and read:

Joel 1: 1-20 Now please read **Joel 2: 12-19**. Also **Joel 2: 21-29**. Thank you! It would be good to put these passages in print here, but they are quite lengthy. Thank you for reading them as I have requested.

At this time the Spirit of God was dealing with us and speaking to us. God created a tremendous urge and hunger in us to do as he requested in the above scriptures that we have just read together, that was to **humble ourselves and seek His face in prayer and fasting**, which we began to do. We also began to sing from our innermost being, songs of dedication and consecration. Such songs as:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart today,

Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray;

See if there be some wicked way in me,

Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee Lord for cleansing me from sin:

Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within:

Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame:

Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine:

Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;

Take all my will, my passion, self and pride:

I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee:

Send a **revival, start the work in me:**

Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need:

For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead."

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"Lord, send a revival, Lord, send a revival,

Lord, send a revival, And let it **begin in me.**"

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"Hiding in Thee, Hiding in Thee, Thou blest rock of ages, I'm hiding in Thee."

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"In Thee, O Lord, Do I put my trust, In Thee, O Lord, Do I put my trust, In Thee, O Lord, Do I put my trust."

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"There's a longing in my heart for Jesus,

There's a longing in my heart to see His face.

I am weary, O so weary of travelling here below,

There's a longing in my heart for Him."

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"Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, with Him, **all the way.**"

(There are four verses to this beautiful hymn and we usually sang them all.) One of our sisters received this next chorus by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and we sang it many, many times, as a sincere prayer from our hearts:

"Blessed Saviour Divine, This my prayer shall be,

Let a double portion of Thy Spirit rest on me.

Come possess this temple, 'tis Thine, From it let Thy glory shine,

Let a double portion of Thy Spirit rest on me."

I can, even now, sense the hallowed presence of the Lord as I am writing about our experience in the beginning, and which has been growing **deeper** and even **more wonderful** over the years. And so it should be, as we are

moving on, following the **pillar of cloud and fire** as it **continually moves on to higher heights and deeper experiences**. There was another song, that just came to my mind, which we sang over and over many times:

"Deeper in Thy love, O Jesus, Doth my spirit cry to go; Until all my life is hidden, Deep within the crimson flow.

Chorus: Deeper in that holy life, 'Til I'm lost with Christ in God, Hidden with my blessed Lord, While I walk this earthly sod.'

Humbly must I walk with Jesus, In the paths that

He doth lead.

Never falter, never murmur, Always to His voice give heed.

Daily must I seek to please Him, whether it

bring joy or pain.

I shall know then just how blessed, Is the worth

of heavenly gain.

Deeper 'till at last in glory, In His likeness I

shall come;

Where the saints of all the ages, Shall receive

their welcome home.

Oh, what a tremendous moving of the Holy Spirit we experienced as we sang these songs, and many others as well; and our dedication and consecration intensified.

God hears our cry, and answers our prayers, and is changing us into His image and likeness, from glory to glory, by the moving of His Holy Spirit within us, providing **we will** present our bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service, and **be not conformed** to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, **Rom.12:1,2**. The Holy Spirit inspired these scriptures, and brought them to our attention many times.

God spoke to us about the disunity

and divisions that existed between believers because of denominational separations. The Spirit of God brought to our attention the message to the seven churches in **Revelation chapters 2 and 3**, pointing out their good points and their lack, offering the solution to their problems, and promises to the **overcomers**. The Holy Spirit put special emphasis on the seventh and **last church** of this age; "The church at Laodicea". Let us read it together, - **Rev. 3: 14-22** "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; **I know thy works**, that thou art neither **cold nor hot**: I would thou wert **cold or hot**. So then because thou art **lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot**, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten**: be **zealous** therefore, and **repent**. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will** come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also **overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the **churches**."

Clearly, these kind of messages were very soul-searching, and still are. Once again we were brought to our knees, searching our own hearts in more prayer and fasting, asking God to be merciful to us and the whole church everywhere as we repented before Him, asking for forgiveness and for mercy, and that the Lord would help us out of this deplorable condition.

God spoke to us, by inspired prophecy, about the divisions in His Church, believers divided against each other because of **man-made organizations**

and denominationalism. God spoke to us very plainly that He hated this condition in the Church. **Proverb 6: 16-19.** (Please read it now.)

The Spirit of God also stressed over and over, how the Church, which is the Body of Christ, was like "the valley of dry bones." He was speaking of natural Israel's condition, of course, but also that this was the condition of the apostate, divided, church at that present time. Please read **Ezek. 37: 1-10.** When this present great move of the Holy Spirit broke upon us, it was through prophecy that religious organizations began to shake and the Body of Christ began to come together. Since then many walls have collapsed and are continuing to collapse. The process is still on, and bones are coming together, sinews, flesh and skin will cover the Body, and bless God, the Spirit of God is breathing upon the Body, filling it with life. **The Body of Christ**, though once divided, will stand to its feet, **an exceeding great army**, marching on to victory, conquerors, and victorious over all the works of the devil. **The Church** is becoming a **glorious Church** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against the **true Church.** **Eph. 5: 26, 27** and **Matt. 16:18.**

One of the most inspiring and hope-filled passages of scripture that the Holy Spirit made so real to us is the **prayer of Jesus Christ**, our Elder Brother and the Captain of our salvation, found in **John Chapter 17.** Oh how agonizingly He prayed for the unity of His Church. I would love to write out the whole chapter here, (Please read for yourself the whole chapter). I will just highlight a few verses;

V. 9 "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."

V. 11 "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, **that they may be one, as we are.**"

V. 15 "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

V. 16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

V. 20 "Neither pray I for these

alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word . . .".

V. 21 "That they **all may be one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be **one in us: that the world may believe** that thou hast sent me."

V. 22 "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be **one**, even as we are **one.**"

V. 23 "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be **made perfect in one**; and that the world may know that thou has sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

The Holy Spirit made it very clear to us that He wanted us to **come out** from all the confusion of organized religion and from the divisions that existed between born again Christian brethren; and to **come together into unity and harmony** according to the prayer of intercession, Christ's last prayer for His believers, which includes all of us today. After that He agonized in the garden of Gethsemane, and was betrayed by Judas. After His horrible trial and rejection, He was crucified on the cross on the hill of Golgotha. He shed His blood for us and died on the cross for us. He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Then something wonderful happened on the third day. He arose triumphantly over death, hell and the grave. After about forty days He ascended into heaven to be with His Father, and our Father, and is even now making intercession **for us.** Hallelujah!

Let us all "endeavour to **keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**" Let us all as children of God be **peacemakers**, not trouble makers. Then at God's appointed time Jesus Christ will return to earth again. Those who have **overcome** and grown into **full maturity and sonship** shall rule and reign with Him. What a blessed hope. Glory be to God!

This message of the coming together of the Body of Christ, has been the central theme and message which God has revealed to our hearts in this Present Move of the Spirit.

I would like to continue to tell of the things I have **seen and heard from the beginning** and have continued to walk in to the best of my ability, and with the help of the Holy Spirit.

I Am A Witness

As we, the faculty and students, all continued to **pray with fasting**, our prayer was that God would move to break the yoke of bondage that we found ourselves in, (not only were we in bondage, but, as God showed us, the whole Church also). Some fasted for three, seven, ten, twenty one, thirty and forty days. There was such a **tremendous longing within us** that nothing else seemed important to us but for God to answer prayer. **AND HE DID!**

God began to speak to us again by prophecy, telling us that He had set before us an **open door** and was asking us to enter in. Not knowing what or where this **open door** was, we were unable to enter in. Then, on the morning of February 11, 1948, God spoke to us again while the whole student body and faculty were together in the first year class room, (which was the largest of the class rooms). We also called it "the cloud room" since it had, and still has, clouds painted on the walls which the air force used for pilot training during the last world war. (The North Battleford Local Church has been gathering there for local prayer meetings and Sunday services for many years now.)

When the Holy Spirit spoke to us that morning, He said again, "Behold I have placed before you an **open door**, as I have told you before. Enter ye in now. If you fail to do so now, this door will be closed to you forever." At the conclusion of this tremendously powerful, inspired prophecy, there came a holy awe and stillness in all of our hearts. The principal of the school stood to his feet and prayed this sincere prayer: "Lord, you have spoken to us many times about this **open door**, and we long with all our hearts to enter in; but Lord, we do not know what or where this **open door** is. Therefore, we cannot enter into it. But Father, if you will reveal it to us by your Spirit, then by your grace we will enter in." Then, following our brother's prayer, this prophecy came forth: "This door is the doorway into your gifts, callings, and ministeries in the Body of Christ. Long has it been closed because of doubts, fears and unbelief; but now, through prayer and fasting and humbling your-

selves before me, this door has been opened unto you.” We all began to rejoice. What tremendous volume of praise flowed out from deep within us. We began to sing: “Wonderful, wonderful Jesus, He is my Friend, true to the end; He gave Himself to redeem me, Jesus wonderful Lord.”

We had a glorious time of praise and worship. Rejoicing filled our hearts, and we felt great anticipation and expectancy for that which seemed to be just before us. After this time of praise, worship and rejoicing, we gathered once again into our respective classrooms. The second and third year students, who had already attended the previous denominational Bible College, and were now here at this new Bible School - these students left us to resume their morning classes. We, the first year students, remained in our classroom (the cloud room, which was the largest of the classrooms.) Yet we couldn't seem to get our class started because of what we had just experienced. So we knelt down to pray and wait on God again. Soon we began to sing, “Where He leads me I will follow.” I will never forget the holy, sacred anointing and awesome presence of God, settling down like a cloud upon us once again. The second and third year students heard us and soon joined us again, as they were unable to get their class started either.

Then it happened.—Like a mighty wind, the Holy Spirit swept over us again, truly indescribable in human language. Soon a holy hush settled down upon us, and the calm, hallowed presence of God filled the room. We dedicated our lives afresh to God with a new and deeper consecration than ever. We began to sing:

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
and it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Chorus: Draw me nearer, nearer,
nearer blessed Lord,

To the cross where Thou hast died!
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer
blessed Lord,
To thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service,
Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast
hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

Oh the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend;
When I kneel in prayer and with
Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

A holy quietness settled down upon us, as before, and the consciousness of the holy presence of God was so near and real. As we were waiting before God in this holy stillness, with great anticipation, the spirit of prophecy came upon one of our teachers. He stood to his feet and gave this prophecy: “Take the shoes from off your feet, for the ground upon which you stand is holy ground.” I will never, ever forget, as long as I live, the holy reverence that gripped our hearts. The prophecy continued; “For behold, I am about to do a **new thing** in thy midst. Thou shalt not write letters to thy friends and relatives, for they will not understand, for the truth that I am revealing to you, cannot be understood with the natural mind, but must be revealed by My Holy Spirit. If you disobey my instructions, your days will be numbered. I will at this time **restore to my church the nine gifts of The Spirit - I Cor. 12:4-11**, and they shall be **received by prophecy and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery** (a group of elders), and I will **indicate from time to time, by my Spirit**, they that have prepared their hearts and yielded their lives unto me, to be called.” Following this prophecy, several people were indicated and called forward. God also indicated that the brethren who were part of the faculty were to be the first presbytery. These brethren laid hands on those that were called, prophecies were given over them regarding their gifts and ministries, and they were given a **charge to war a good warfare according to the prophecies**.

The Lord also warned us not to lay hands on any man suddenly or indiscriminately - that ministry is not given to everybody. This is a very serious

matter, because an impartation is made when hands are laid on someone. A great disorder had been evident among other people - with anybody laying on hands on another person. See **I Tim. 5:22**.

On February 12th, several people were called to have hands laid on them; however, the prophetic teacher was the only one of the presbytery present, all of the others were absent. This brother with the prophetic ministry prayed and prophesied over them **alone**. Yet, he didn't have the liberty in the Spirit that normally accompanied his ministry. During the remainder of that day and the next day, **Feb. 13th**, there was very little moving of the Spirit among us and the Holy Spirit seemed to be grieved. No one was indicated to be prayed over. Those were two, very dry, difficult days, and very noticeable. We all wondered what the problem was and what happened.

On the morning of **Feb. 14th** this brother that prayed and prophesied alone, confessed to his brethren in the presbytery and the whole class. He said that God had dealt with him, showing him that he made a mistake in his eagerness, because he prayed over these people **alone**, after God had clearly said that He wanted a **presbytery** to minister together. He asked for forgiveness from the Lord and the other members of the presbytery and class. Then the brethren called the same people back again. The Spirit of God moved mightily once again, gifts of the Spirit, ministries and callings were prophesied to them and imparted by the **laying on of the hands of the presbytery**, with the gifts beginning to operate that same day.

The gift of prophecy began to flow with great anointing and liberty. And not only from the presbytery, but also many of the students prophesied for the first time in their lives: I did too, as God poured out of His Spirit upon all of us, fulfilling the prophecy by Joel for the last days. **Joel 2:28,29** - “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your **sons and your daughters shall prophesy**, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the

handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."

*Read also - **Acts 2:16-18**. Joel's prophecy was also fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when the Spirit fell upon them like a mighty rushing wind and it filled all the house as they were **all with one accord**; and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

In **V.17-18** Peter told them what was happening; "And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit, upon all flesh: and your **sons** and your **daughters** shall **prophecy**, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall **prophecy**."

The experiences I am telling you about are very similar, "Glory to God, Hallelujah." That awesome presence is with me now as I am writing. When the Holy Spirit came upon us in that classroom, many who had not been filled with the Holy Spirit, were filled right there, and began to speak with **other tongues and prophecy**. The gifts of the Holy Spirit began to be manifested in those that had been prayed over. The gift of prophecy, healing and miracles came into operation by God's sovereignty; also all nine gifts of the Spirit were evident and operating in the weeks that followed. God surely taught us a lesson regarding the importance of heeding the order that God asks us to follow, particularly in reference to the presbytery that I mentioned before.

I'll give you just a few scriptures to read regarding the receiving of spiritual gifts by prophecy and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. As our brethren sought God and the scriptures regarding this **new thing** that was happening in our midst, the prophecies were confirmed in the holy scriptures; here are just a few of the references:

Deut. 34:9,10 - Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses (the prophet) had laid his hands upon him.

Rom. 1:11 - (Apostle Paul to the Romans) "For I long to see you, that I may **impart** unto you some **spiritual gift**, to the end ye may be **established**;"

This experience **establishes** a person.

I Tim. 1:18-20 - "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the **prophecies** which went before on thee, that thou **by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscience**; which some having **put away concerning faith** have made **shipwreck**." Verse 20 describes who they were and what happened to them.

I Tim. 4:14-16 - "Neglect not the **gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery**. Meditate upon these things, **give thyself wholly** to them; that thy profiting (growth, development) may appear to all. **Take heed unto thyself**, and unto the doctrine; **continue** in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

II Tim. 1:6-10 - "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou **stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands**. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (established). Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of the Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou **partaker of the afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of God; Who hath **saved us, and called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to **his own purpose and grace**, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began. But is **now** made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"

At that time I was also seeking God sincerely, with my whole heart, in prayer and fasting; but I had not yet been called (indicated) to this point. I wondered why. I realized that we would all be going home after our Easter meetings (which we called, "The Feast of Pentecost", and still do.) One day while in prayer with the other students in morning devotions, I suddenly felt a warm hand on my right shoulder. I looked to see who it was that was touching me, but saw no one there. I realized that God had laid His hand on me. I broke into tears and wept before

the Lord. Then I felt the pressure and warmth of His hand gradually disappearing. That was a very real and precious experience for me and I knew God's hand was upon my life; what comfort!

Then on **Feb. 19, 1948** at about 10 p.m. the presbytery called me to come forward. God had indicated to them that he wanted to speak to me. (Most of the students that were indicated by the Holy Spirit had already been called and I was one of the last ones to be called). I was broken before the Lord as he spoke to me in prophecy, telling me of the gifts He was imparting to me, and the ministry that He was giving me, and asking me to **be faithful and war a good warfare according to the prophecies** that were spoken to me with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

It is now the **Year 2000**. Fifty-two years have gone by so quickly; still I can testify of the prophecies given to me regarding my gifts and ministry, that many have already come to pass and are coming to pass continually, as I endeavour to walk with God and enjoy His holy presence. "He is My Heavenly Friend." "Glory be to our God, hallelujah!" Let us never forget, that in order for each one of us, called as members of the Body of Christ, to progress in our ministries, we will need to **seek God in prayer continually with fasting from time to time**. God is calling out a **remnant into mature sonship**, from every nation, peoples and tongues, to rule and reign with Christ in His kingdom. This has not been an easy way; it has been ridiculed and spoken against, but it is the **way of holiness**. The early apostles and brethren had these difficult experiences too - yet look what Christ Himself had to go through, He who is **our example and the Captain of our salvation**.

However, God has not promised us an easy way. But He has asked us to **take up our cross and follow Him if we want to be His disciples**. When by God's grace we do this, it becomes a glorious way, filled with spiritual joy, peace, contentment, stability and the consciousness of His holy presence daily.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be

compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." **Rom. 8:18**

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the **sons of God.**" - **Rom. 8:19**

"For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God." - **Rom. 8:14**

Let us lift our heads high, for our redemption is drawing nigh. Hallelujah!

In the **Spring of 1948**, on the Easter weekend, when we had the closing exercises of the Bible School and graduation of the third year students for **1947-48** - special services were held, called, the "**Feast of Pentecost**". Many people had heard of the **great revival** that had begun in North Battleford. Many people, including ministers, came to see what God was doing. Some came hungry for God, some were there to find fault and to criticize. However, the Holy Spirit flowed freely, the sick were being healed; many were filled with the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands; sinners and backsliders came to Christ in repentance, and the saints were being edified; many were prayed over and received gifts of the Holy Spirit by prophecy and the laying on of hands of the presbytery. After everyone returned home from "The Feast", the news of what God was doing spread like fire and ignited many hearts. They, too, began to seek God in prayer and fasting. Then it was time for the First Camp Meeting to begin in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, July, 1948.

Hundreds of people, including many ministers, came from all over the continent to see and hear what God was doing. I had been working for a friend of mine in May and June, but he kindly allowed me to attend camp. Right from the time people arrived on the grounds, they felt the hallowed presence of God, and the mighty moving of the Holy Spirit in the services; I can testify to this fact; I was there.

I would now like to include an article that was written by one of the ministers who attended this first camp meeting in July 1948. I can also confirm from experience the things he described.

First Camp Meeting 1948

"In those days, students, and teach-

ers, were in the Mount of God and received the pattern which we were to follow.

Word soon trickled out that God was moving in Northern Canada and hundreds prepared themselves to journey North to see and hear what was going on. Some journeyed North to scoff, others in curiosity and still others with a prayer and a strong hope that this would be the answer to their heart's cry.

I do believe that we were among that latter group. Oh, that God would again visit His people! Oh, that this generation might see and touch the supernatural!

In order that we might see and understand clearly, I am going to try to put on paper a true record of those days at the first camp meeting. As we proceeded with the record of this camp meeting as we saw it, we will touch upon all of these salient points. This is our first attempt to do this and we are praying that God will quicken it for His glory.

Upon arriving in the early afternoon of the first day of camp, in July 1948, we found that the afternoon meeting was already in progress. There was little or no activity outside, nearly everyone had entered the meeting hall. This we hastened to do also.

The atmosphere was one of expectancy, all eyes were upon the speaker. Only one man was upon the small platform which was about 8'x12' and approximately one foot high. This rather singular thing attracted our attention, only one man on the platform and he was standing behind the simple pulpit.

In the past at conventions and camp meetings, we had always been used to seeing a large platform just crowded with preachers. Here was a camp meeting from which was to flow a message and a blessing that would rock the religious world; yet what simplicity! No showmanship, no outstanding song leader, no orchestra or choir, and one man at a time on the platform.

The only exception to this being when someone from the audience stepped up to the platform to say something: then in most cases the one already at the position of the speaker stepped aside. Yet the first remained on the platform to resume his charge.

This simplicity from the platform was the first thing that attracted our attention and we honestly liked it.

The next thing that impressed us was the anointed and authoritative word of prophecy. They prophesied as ones having authority. We ourselves a year before, in a trance received a revelation of the Gifts of the Spirit; and at that time uttered our first prophecies, therefore we were greatly interested in the prophetic utterances.

We tried to be in the Spirit and impartial in judging them and we found a true witness with the utterances. The prophecies of the first camp meeting were not extravagant or unscriptural. They were powerfully uttered, yet stayed well within the Scripture which states that prophecy is for edification, exhortation and comfort.

The first strong conviction that I wish to state is that God was mightily present at this camp meeting. You sensed His presence everywhere. This was apparent in the meetings, in the conversations of the people and in their actions.

Walking around the grounds, between the meetings, one would meet little groups talking. Joining them, one finds a consistent topic of conversation. The farmers are having a bad year but that is not their conversation, neither is it cars, tractors, houses or money. Rather, all are consumed with one subject, "The wonder of Jesus and what Jesus is doing." Hallelujah!

One morning quite early (6 a.m.) I had occasion to cross through the men's dormitory for some water. The dorm was a lot of hay on the floor of a building. Laying all over the hay were men with their Bibles out, all expounding the wonders of what Jesus was doing. The general topic of nearly all at this camp was "Jesus".

Oh, there were one or two spying out the land for its flaws: and of course they found some and did their best to magnify them. However, I do not believe they as much as stirred a ripple upon the waters. The worst thing they accomplished was the blinding of their own eyes to the sight of Jesus moving among men.

The same atmosphere was prevalent in the dining room. People over-

looked the shortcomings of the meal arrangements because they were so occupied with Jesus. Had it not been for such a spiritual presence, very few would have eaten in the dining room without complaint.

I remarked to one of the leaders one night that one evidence I noticed of the grace of God among the people was the happy way the people took to the poor arrangements for handling food. As far as I know there were no complaints, yet plenty of room for them. To me that was wonderful - I thought that such grace had just about departed from the church of Christ.

At the first camp meeting the life of prayer was much in evidence. Like most revivals and movements of God, this phase of ministry was carried out by the students and the visitors. We are, however, thankful to God that there were very intense times of prayer.

The life of prayer was manifest before the meetings commenced as well as after the meetings were officially dismissed. Early in the morning the sound of people praying could be heard coming from the tabernacle. Upon entering the tabernacle, you were impressed by the spirit of people searching after God. There was little or no talking going on, and what was being done was in whispers.

In different parts of the tabernacle, people could be seen on their knees with hands outstretched up to heaven, giving God thanks and praise. Others were on their faces even to the ground, having their hearts searched before the Almighty. There were also many waiting upon the Lord with the open Bible before them, letting the anointing open the Scriptures to them.

When those who were responsible for the conducting of the service came in, the people would rise from prayer and usually the chorus, "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus would start up and the meeting had commenced.

At the close of the morning meeting many would refrain from eating; again they would place themselves before the Lord. These would remain so before God until again they heard the words of "Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus". Some felt people pushing past them to the seats in such numbers, that

by this knew the meeting was to commence again.

This same process was again repeated after the afternoon service was over, and on to the evening service. One will readily see that the meetings thus bathed in prayer and praise would have the presence of the Lord so apparent, that it is little wonder one felt God in each meeting.

After the evening service was over there was always a general call to prayer and for those seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. These night meetings were night prayer meetings indeed. It was extremely rare for the writer to retire before 1 or 2 a.m., there was such a calling upon God and so many staying to pray and to seek for the wonderful infilling of the Spirit.

This attitude of prayer did not once let up during the whole of the camp period. Day after day, morning, afternoon and evening the prayer continued. On the last Sunday night of the camp it was five o'clock in the morning before we left the sanctuary of prayer, and had the joy of seeing the last one seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, wonderfully filled. Praise the Lord!

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In October of 1948, the brethren from North Battleford, Sask. were invited to conduct meetings in Edmonton, Alberta. The convention was attended by members of several Pentecostal denominations. The Holy Spirit moved mightily in many ways in these meetings. Since I lived only about 35 miles from the city of Edmonton, I was able to attend. The brethren had me join them in the presbytery, to participate in laying hands on the ones God had indicated and had prepared their hearts to be prayed and prophesied over to receive gifts of the Spirit.

A very outstanding thing happened in one of these meetings. The Holy Spirit moved upon the whole congregation miraculously and we all began to **sing in the Spirit**; words and melody were **directed by the Holy Spirit**; the sound was as a "heavenly choir" in perfect harmony. Some heard it from outside the building and described it as **the sound of a mighty rushing wind**. Solo parts were sung and blended in again with the whole congregation in

perfect harmony. From a little distance outside it was described like the sound of a master choir accompanied by a matchless symphony orchestra. I remember the pianist, a young woman who was accompanying all this singing, also playing as inspired by the Spirit of God. It is difficult to credit such sound as being produced by human vocal chords. There was such perfect order, timing and harmony as the beautiful sounds came forth, that one was forced to concede that there was an unseen conductor at work. It was a very sovereign ministry that came forth that day. From that day, scriptural, spiritual singing became part of our spiritual worship when the Body of Christ, the Church, gathered together. O dear ones, let us keep this blessed gift from God alive in our worship to God as we edify one another when we meet together. There are many places in the scriptures that encourage us to do this.

Eph. 5:18-19 - "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (or songs in the Spirit) singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord;"

Col. 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (songs in the Spirit), singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

We are encouraged in the Psalms and elsewhere to sing a "**new song**", a song that was never sung before and may never be sung again.

Sing A New Song

Psa. 33:3 - "Sing unto him a **new song**; play skilfully with a loud noise."

Psa. 40:3 - "and he hath put a **new song** in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

Psa. 96:1 - "O sing unto the Lord a **new song**: sing unto the Lord, all the earth."

Psa. 98:1 - "O sing unto the Lord a **new song**, for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

Psa. 144:9 - "I will sing a **new song** unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing

praises unto thee.”

Psa. 149:1 - “Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a **new song** and his praise in the congregation of his saints.”

Rev. 5:9,10 - “and they sung a **new song**, saying, thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue and people, and nation. and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

How wonderful, glory be to our God! For in this life we have the honour and glorious privilege to sing songs in the Spirit that we may one day sing with the holy angels in the eternal heavenly choir. Hallelujah!

It makes my heart throb and burn within me with thankfulness and appreciation for the things God has already done and is doing in our lives today and right now. With excitement, and deep longing, and anticipation, we look unto the future for our redemption is drawing nigh and the **kingdom of God is at hand**. “But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” - **I Cor. 2:9,10**

God is eternally progressive; He will continually reveal His plan and purpose for **His Church** as we grow up into Him in all things. Let us be brave and strong, for it will not be long until we will win the overwhelming victory through Christ, who is the **Captain of our Salvation**. “If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye **refuse and rebel**, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” **Isa. 1:19,20**.

The past 52 years have been a tremendous spiritual experience. It has not been without heartache, especially when some whom we appreciated and loved as members of the Body of Christ have turned aside from their heavenly calling. It is very obvious that they wander here and there and have become unstable wanderers **without a foundation**. But there are many

others whose spirits are longing for the deeper things of God. We have met many such people; our hearts go out to them. Our prayer is as the prayer of our Elder Brother, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who prayed fervently for His Church as recorded in **John chapter 17**, “that they **all may be one**.” therefore we are determined to be faithful to our calling and ministry, not only to one another in this called out remnant; but we love all sincere believers in Christ Jesus, all who are longing and praying to go on with God, in the Spirit, **to be part of the elect remnant, overcomers, growing up into maturity and sonship**. The Lord knows and hears the cry and longing within all of us, and is **gathering His elect** out of every country, tribe and nation. Cheer up, the best is just ahead of us, let us enter in together.

Though some have left this way, many others have been added; and they are walking and rejoicing in this way and God has joined us together in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Let Us Look Up

“**Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” - **Heb. 12:2**.

In the midst of all the turmoil in our world, both in the natural and the spiritual, Jesus encourages us by saying, “And when these things **begin to come to pass**, then **look up**, and **lift up your heads**; for your redemption draweth nigh.” - **Luke 21:28**

Let us please realize this: when a person **begins to look around**, confusion sets in; they lose their bearings and footing; they become confused and unstable; they don't know what they want, or who is right or wrong, and they are easily deceived: but, they still think they are going on with God; - how sad. What a pity when someone thinks they see, yet they have been blinded by the enemy. Even the heroes of faith listed in **Heb. 11**, could have returned from whence they came, but didn't. Thank God.

Heb. 11:13-16 - “These all died in **faith**, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were **persuaded** of them, and **em-**

braced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, **if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned**. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” **Heb. 11:39,40** - “And these all, having obtained a **good report through faith**, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.”

Regarding Our Salvation

I Peter 1:5 - “Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation **ready to be revealed in the last time**.”

I Peter 1:10-12 - “Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was **revealed**, that not unto themselves, but **unto us** they did minister the things, which are **now reported unto you** by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.”

Let us then **look forward and up, not back**, like the children of Israel did when the going got rough. They began to **find fault** with Moses, whom God Almighty had set over them. They began to **grumble and complain**; and God heard it!! - **Num. 11:1-6** God hears us, too, when we begin to **grumble and complain and find fault** with those whom God has set as **fathers and shepherds** to feed the flock of God. Please don't bite the hands that feed you. These shepherds are responsible to God for you.

Israel had a **mixed company** among them, and the church today has some as well - being **troublemakers** instead of **peacemakers**, - “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the

children of God.” Matt. 5:9 - God hates those who **sow discord** among brethren. See **Prov. 6:16-19**.

So let us **look up and ahead** and **press toward the mark** of the prize of the **high calling** of God in Christ Jesus. - **Phil. 3:14**

Let me remind you and myself, of what happened to **Lot’s wife**. Lot and his family were told by God **not to look back** when they were called out of Sodom and Gomorrah. But his wife disobeyed, and **looked back**. Her deliverance and forward progression ended; she turned into a pillar of salt. (Please read - Gen. 19:17,26).

So today, **God is calling out a remnant** that shall be **overcomers**. Then, after this present spiritual warfare, - the remnant, the elect, the overcomers, those who have matured into sons of God, led by the Spirit of God, (see Rom. 8:14) shall rule and reign with Christ when He **establishes His kingdom here on earth**. (Please read Rev. 3:21, Rev. 5:9,10). Before ruling and reigning with Christ, this chosen company will first have to be “**called, chosen and faithful**”. (Please read Rev. 17:14.)

Please listen to what Jesus said with His own holy lips and voice: **Luke 9:62** “No man, having put his hand to the plough, and **looking back**, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Christ was not speaking here of people that have had no spiritual experience. He is speaking of those who once walked in the light and rejoiced in the light that God had shed on their pathway, but began to **look around**, then **look back**, then **went back to where God brought them out from**. **It makes our hearts ache when that happens; and unfortunately it has happened to some**. How sad, pitiful. “**If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness**, how great is that darkness!” - **Matt. 6:23**

“But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** (not separation) one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” - **I Jno. 1:7**

* Please read now prayerfully and reverently: - **Heb. 6:1-6 and 9-12**

Yes, the eyes of the Lord are “upon the faithful of the land.” - **Psa. 101:6**

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.” - **II Chron. 16:9**

Jesus Christ is in the process of **cleansing His Church now**, “That he might present it to himself a **glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish**.” - **Eph. 5:27**

Eph. 3:10 - “To the **intent** (God’s intention) that **now** unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known **by the church** the manifold wisdom of God.”

Eph. 2:19-22 - “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**; In whom all the building fitly framed together **groweth** unto a holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.”

Jesus Christ is the chief corner stone; the apostles and prophets are part of the foundation of the Church, which is His Body. “And upon this rock (Jesus Christ) I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. - **Matt. 16:18**

God has revealed, restored and established much foundational truth to the Church by His Spirit in this present Move of the Holy Spirit. He has committed the working out of His revelation and plan for the Church, to the foundational ministries in the Church, for them to teach the truth that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit. The Lord has asked us to war a good warfare and build the Church upon the foundation, and to build according to the pattern that the Holy Spirit has revealed to us in this Present Move of the Holy Spirit.

The **secret things** belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are **revealed** belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may **do all** the words of this law.” (revelation) **Deut. 29:29**

II Chron. 20:20 - “Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be **estab-**

lished; believe his prophets (ministries), so shall ye **prosper**.”

God has **restored to the Church** the foundational, apostolic ministries, to build the Church on a solid foundation, on rock, not sand. * (Please read now: **Matt. 7:24-27**)

In the **fourth chapter of Ephesians**, the holy, inspired word of God describes what Jesus did for the Church to bring it to maturity and perfection.

Eph. 4:8 - “Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”

V. 11:16 - “And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**; For the **perfecting** (matur- ing) of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying** (building up) of the Body of Christ (the Church): **Till we all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man** (mature), unto the measure of the stature of the **fullness of Christ**: That we henceforth be **no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body **fitly joined together and compacted** by that which **every joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying (building up) of itself in love.”

So God has revealed His great plan for His Church and is building His Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. - **Matt. 16:18**

So, “being **confident** of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you (us) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” - **Phil. 1:6**

Dearly Beloved: “Cast not away therefore your **confidence**, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, **after ye have done the will of God**, ye might receive the promise.

For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith:

but if any man **draw back**, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who **draw back** unto perdition: but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.” - **Heb. 10:35-39**

The Lord has been speaking to my own heart very seriously and I'm praying with the psalmist. **“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”** - **Psa. 139:23,24**

Jer. 17:9,10 - “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.**”

Rom. 12:3 - “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

I Cor. 10:12 - “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest he fall.**” The apostle Paul also realized and was aware of his human nature, as we also need to be on our guard.

I Cor. 9:27 - “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a **castaway.**”

II Cor. 13:5,6 - “**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.** Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates. But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.”

I Cor. 16:13,14 (Phillips trans.)
“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, live like men, be strong! let everything that you do be done in love.”

* Now please read: The whole **Book of Jude** - (only one chapter) Please note **verse 3** - “I exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

* Please read now: **Phil. 3:10-17**
So, my beloved: Let us all **examine our own hearts now, today**, before God once again, and see how we are doing. Are we maturing into sonship? Are we progressing in our walk with

God every day! Or are we procrastinating, are we compromising what we know to be the will of God for us? Let us **not neglect the gift** that is in us which was given us by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. **Let us war a good warfare accordingly, and stir up the gift of God that is in us.** I am quoting from: **I Tim. 4:14-16; I Tim. 1:18-20; II Tim. 1:6,7.**

Requirements

Deut. 10:12,13 - “And now, Israel (my people), what doth the Lord thy God **require** of thee, but to fear (reverence) the Lord thy God, to walk in **all** his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with **all thy heart** and with **all thy soul**. To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes,” (build according to the pattern given by the revelation of the Holy Spirit) “which I command thee this day **for thy good?**”

Micah 6:8 - “He hath showed thee, O man, what is **good**; and what doth the Lord **require** of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to **walk humbly with thy God?**”

Hosea 12:6 - “Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and **wait on thy God continually.**”

Zech. 7:9,10 - “Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute **true judgment**, and **show mercy and compassions** every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the **fatherless**, the **stranger**, nor the **poor**; and let none of you **imagine evil** against his brother **in your heart.**”

Zech. 8:16,17 - “These are the things that ye shall **do**; speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: and let none of you **imagine evil in your hearts** against his neighbour: and love no false oath: for all these are things that **I hate**, saith the Lord.”

Zech. 3:7 - “Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, (see I Tim. 1:18) then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.**” (Rule and reign with Christ in His kingdom).

In the light of God's Word, how are we doing? I pray that God will continue to inspire our hearts to **prayer**

and occasional fasting, humbling ourselves before God Almighty who has led us over the last **52 years** - Let us not **forsake or neglect** the “assembling of ourselves together, **as the manner of some is**” but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” - **Heb. 10:25.** Let us **all** attend the midweek **prayer meetings**; prayer is the key that opens heaven's door. God hears and answers prayer. Please refer again to **II Chron. 7:14.** Are we all prepared to move on? **Deut. 1:6** - We have compassed this mountain long enough, **Deut. 2:3. The pillar of cloud and fire are once again moving on, and God requires** of us a **new consecration and fresh dedication** each time He **moves on.** And it is **time again now!** Let us together, with one heart, soul and purpose, press into the kingdom of God, **Luke 16:16.** The battle is on, but, when the smoke of battle has cleared away, we will be standing there together with Christ our Captain, victors on the field.

Heb. 12:25-29 - God has promised once more to shake everything that can be shaken so the things that cannot be shaken may remain. “See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we **turn away** from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath **promised**, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear (respect). For our God is a consuming fire.”

My heart is filled with **expectancy and awe**, for the end of all things is at hand: the kingdom of God is also at hand. Glory be to God, hallelujah!

Dearly beloved: Let us remain faithful to our calling and build according to the pattern God has given us in this Move of the Holy Spirit. **Let us not look to the right or to the left**, but **“Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy

that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” **Heb. 12:2** “He ever liveth to make intercession for us.” **Heb. 7:25b**. “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.” - **Heb. 2:1**. “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.” - **Heb. 4:1**

Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother, who knows the way (because He has gone this way before us,) told us not to follow other voices. There are many voices in the world, and religious circles today. There are many sincere Christians, yet they are in bondage to man-made organizations and denominations. In these **last days many** false prophets, teachers and false brethren shall arise and deceive **many**. Please read the following scriptures now. **False prophets: Matt. 7:15-27. Matt. 24:4-14. False brethren: II Cor. 11:26, Gal. 2:4. False teachers: II Pet. 2:1-3.**

Jesus said: “. . . Behold I have told you before.” - **Matt. 24:23-25.**

Spiritual Watchmen

In the Old Testament, God set **watchmen** in the Old Testament Church, to **watch** over His chosen people - **Isa. 21:6,11,12** - “For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, **set a watchman**, let him declare what he seeth. **Watchman**, what of the night? **Watchman**, what of the night? The **watchman** said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.”

Isa. 62:6, 10-12 - “I have set **watchmen** (plural) upon thy walls, O Jerusalem (O Church), which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence. Go through, go through the gates; **prepare ye the way of the people**; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; **lift up a standard for the people**. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion (the Bride, the church), Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, **the holy people**, The **redeemed** of the Lord: and thou

shalt be called, **Sought out**. A city not forsaken.

“**Ezek. 3:17-21**: “Son of man, I have made thee a **watchman** unto the house of Israel (**the Church**): therefore **hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.**” * (Please read now: **Jer. 23:1-32**.) Please let me quote verses **18,21,22** - “For who hath **stood in the counsel of the Lord**, and hath **perceived and heard his word**? who hath **marked his word, and heard it**?” Verses 21-22 - “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. but if they had **stood in my counsel**, and had caused my people to **hear my words**, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.”

* Please read now: **Ezek. 34: 1-23, 30,31.**

These previous **scriptures** speak, of course, of ‘natural Israel’ - the **Old Testament Church** - but also apply to ‘spiritual Israel’ - the **New Testament scriptures Church**. There are many scriptures in the New Testament that bear this out. Here are just a few references: **Rom. 2:28,29** - “For he is not a Jew, which is one **outwardly**; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one **inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the **heart, in the spirit**, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.” **Rom. 9:1-8. See verse 6b** - “For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:”

Rom. 10:9-13, (v.12,13) - “For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek (Gentile): For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him, For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **saved**.”

Rom. 15:4 “For whatsoever things were **written aforetime** were written for our **learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

New Testament Watchmen

In the home: **Fathers** and mothers care for their little flock. In the Church: **Elders** and **deacons** tend to the flock (Church). Please read about their qualifications in the following scriptures: **I Tim. 3:1-15; I Pet. 5:1-11; Titus 1:5-16.**

I Cor. 4:15 - “For though ye have ten thousand **instructors** in Christ, yet

have ye **not many fathers**.”

Acts 20:17-38 (Please read) Apostle Paul called the Ephesians elders and counselled with them - as a Father. **V.27-32** “For I have not shunned to declare unto you **all the counsel of God**. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the **Holy Ghost** hath made you **overseers (watchmen)**, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in **among you**, not sparing the flock. **Also of your own selves shall men arise**, speaking perverse things, **to draw away disciples after them**. Therefore **watch (watchmen)**, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to **warn every one night and day with tears**. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Our Attitude Toward Elders and Ministeries

I Tim. 5:17 - “Let the **elders** that **rule well** be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.” **I Tim. 5:1** - “Rebuke not an **elder**, but intreat him as a **father**.” **I Tim. 5:19-22** - **Against an elder** receive not an **accusation, but before two or three witnesses**. Them that sin **rebuke** before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, **doing nothing by partiality**. Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure.”

Heb. 13:17 - “Obey them that have the **rule** over you, and **submit yourselves**: for they watch (watchmen) for your souls, as they that **must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

God Gave the Five-fold Ministry to the Church

Eph. 4:8-16 - Fathers over the universal church “And he (Jesus Christ, after He ascended) gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **ministry teachers**;-” (Why?) - “For

the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the **ministry**, for the edifying (building up) of the Body of Christ:-(**For how long?**) "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the **fullness of Christ**:" (Please continue to read V.14-16).

Please read also **Eph. 2:19-22** "Built upon the **foundation** of the **apostles and prophets**, **Jesus Christ himself** being the **chief corner stone**."

I Cor. 12:28-31, (V.28) - "And **God hath set some in the church**, first **apostles**, secondarily **prophets**, thirdly **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (Please read on.): "The more excellent way" is I Cor. 13 (the love chapter)

The first New Testament apostolic ministries often referred to themselves as "**servant and apostle**". See **Rom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:1; James 1:1; II Peter 1:1; II John 1:1** (elder); **III John 1:1** (elder - John was also an apostle); **I Pet. 5:1** (Apostle and elder); Please read **V.1-6, Exhortation to humility**. That is for all of us. "**Take Heed**."

Now, before I conclude this article, I must tell you that at the time of this writing, January, February and March in the Year 2000, this message that God has laid on our hearts, "The Gospel (Good News) of the Kingdom of God", has been preached and taught to God's people in many countries and islands of our world. Many have been born again; many have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Many have received healing by the touch of Jesus, and many have received gifts and ministries by prophecy and laying on of the hands of the presbytery. I count it a great honour and privilege to have been part of this ministry along with the other brethren. God has seen fit to call some of our dear brethren home, but has called other brethren and added them to us, to minister with us in the vineyard of our God. How grateful we are to our God for His provisions. We all appreciate your prayers.

"God is moving by His Spirit,
Moving in all the earth;
Signs and wonders, when God moveth,
Move, O Lord, in Me."

"We're marching on, with hearts courageous,

We'll follow anywhere you want us to;

And should you lead us where the battle rages,

Let us march with hearts courageous after you."

"The Church is marching on, The Church is marching on,

the gates of hell shall not prevail, The church is marching on,

The gates of hell shall not prevail, the church is marching on."

"We'll know no defeat, we'll know no defeat,

We're marching on to victory, We'll know no defeat."

The above choruses carry a wonderful message and anointing, inspiring us to press on into the kingdom of God, - **Phil. 3:10-16**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This article is just a very condensed overview of what God has been doing in our midst. Much wonderful truth has been revealed by the Holy Spirit over the years, for us to walk in daily. Many volumes of books could be written regarding that which the Holy Spirit has shed light upon and has revealed and is still revealing to the Church which is His Body. Some of our brethren have compiled and written some books, booklets and pamphlets which are available from the office. I will list some of them here.

Books and Booklets:

1. ***"The Feast of Tabernacles"** - This book was printed originally during the early years when this Present Move of the Holy Spirit began. It contained a "preface" at the very beginning of the book, pages 3 and 4, describing what happened in 1948, when God moved so mightily by His Holy Spirit among us. However, someone else reprinted "The Feast of Tabernacles" later, and left out pages 3 and 4 describing God moving by the Holy Spirit in 1948. Many of these later printings are in circulation. We were very sorry that someone took the liberty to do this. (* **Original now available**)

2. "The Move of the Spirit of God"
3. "The Nine Gifts of the Spirit"

4. "The Church"
5. "Government"
6. "Sons and Sonship"
7. "Submission and Headship in the Christian Marriage and The Family"
8. "Messages to the Church"
9. "The Sharon Star", a bi-monthly paper, published and mailed out on the freewill offering plan, published by Sharon Children's Homes and Schools.

I believe these books and booklets will be a blessing to you. Please write to: Sharon Schools, P.O. Box 878, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada, S9A 2Z3

Please allow me to write out two more choruses for you which have been very meaningful, with a message for us. A lot of our readers will recognize them.

You've Got to Have Eyes to See

You've got to have eyes to see and ears to hear,

And a heart that will understand.

You've got to have an open heart to receive God's Word,

For the testing time is now at hand.

Remember what Jesus said, "Come and follow Me,

You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

You've got to have eyes to see and ears to hear,

And a heart that will understand.

Hear the Trumpet Sounding

Hear the trumpet sounding, All ye soldiers of the cross,

Sounding from the mountain of our God;

It is time to waken out of slumber and of sleep,

For our redemption now is drawing nigh.

See the evil forces now arrayed against the Church,

Put on your armour and be brave and strong,

Christ will give command, His kingdom is at hand,

Let us begin to sing the victor's song.

God bless you all.

Your brother in Christ,

— Ewald H. Wanagas

*This article now available
in booklet form.*

Comments on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

By A. Hinchliff
CHAPTER 1

Ephesus was located on the western end of present day Turkey. It was a commercial centre. It was also a centre of idol worship and the manufacture of idols. (Acts 19:23-28).

Paul's letter to the Ephesians was written in about A.D. 65 from his prison cell in Rome. It was delivered by Tychicus who also delivered the epistle to the Colossians.

Paul had paid the city of Ephesus a short visit when on his way to Jerusalem to a feast. (Acts 18:19-21) Priscilla and Aquila accompanied him. He spent some time in the synagogue reasoning with the Jews but soon left with a promise to return. Priscilla and Aquila remained. In the meantime Apollos came to Ephesus. Apollos only knew of the baptism of John, but Priscilla and Aquila instructed him in the truth concerning Christ. Afterward he convinced the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

In Acts 19 we read of Paul's return to Ephesus. He found disciples who had been baptized according to John's baptism. This was a result of Apollos' ministry to them. Under Paul's instruction and teaching the people believed in Christ, and were baptized in His name. Paul then laid his hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Paul spent three months in the synagogue teaching and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. When opposition arose they moved the meetings to a school where he continued for two years.

During this time miracles were performed by the laying on of Paul's hands. Handkerchiefs and aprons were also taken to the sick and they recovered. Many evil spirits were cast out in this manner.

There were those, that the scripture calls vagabond Jews, who tried to imitate Paul's ministry. On one occasion the seven sons of the chief of the Jewish priests, who were called Sceva, tried to cast out a demon with disastrous results. Acts 19:13 "Then certain of the vagabond

Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded."

It was approximately ten years from this visit of Paul's until the writing of his epistle to the Ephesian church from the prison in Rome.

The Ephesian church was one of the seven churches addressed in the first three chapters of the book of Revelation. By the time John wrote the Revelation, it was a little over forty years since the church had been established. They had lost their first love.

We will note that as we go through the letter to the Ephesians that the first three chapters contain teaching concerning the wonderful and glorious experiences that belong to the church in Christ. Eph. 4:1 is kind of the centre point of the letter and the following three chapters are intended to be the practical application of the first three.

Chapter 1

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

This letter is addressed to the saints at Ephesus. That was just another way of addressing the Christians at Ephesus. The letter was to be shared by all who were faithful followers of Christ.

Paul refers to himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God. Apostleship is not a self appointed ministry. It is the gift of Christ to the church, (Eph. 4:11.) and is a divine appointment. As we will see later in the letter, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, were given by Christ to the church

"for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry."

Ephesians 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

What a wonderful thing to know the grace and peace of God. Grace implies the love, compassion, benevolence, kindness, mercy, and favour of God. When we are at peace with God, sin has been dealt with, through the sacrifice of Christ, and we are no longer his enemies. Romans 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

When we become Christians we enter the door of those heavenly places in Christ. Those heavenly places are the realm of the Spirit. We are no longer just carnal, earthly people, but we have also taken on a spiritual nature. The door to the realm of the Spirit is open to us, and we can either walk in the flesh or in the Spirit. As a child of God, spiritual blessings or benefits in heavenly places (heavenly realms) are ours if we will enter into them.

Genesis 5:24 "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Here was a man who many dispensations and thousands of years ago entered into the resurrection. We pray that God will give us the ability to walk with Him, and as Enoch did, enter into those heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

It is hard for us to realize that God's

purposes were accomplished in His mind before He ever created anything. He had a plan. We were chosen in Him to be holy and blameless in His sight before He even laid the foundation of the earth.

In His love He predestinated (foreordained) us. To what? The adoption of children through Jesus Christ. In this scripture the Greek word for adoption which is "huiothesia," literally means "the placing of a son." It doesn't refer to taking an orphan into your home and making him a member of your family, but it speaks of a father taking a mature and tried son and placing him in a place of responsibility. The Greek word that is translated children here is "huios" which indicates maturity. Wherever Jesus is spoken of as the Son of God, this is the word used. God's plan and purpose through Jesus Christ is that we may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ, and to place us as mature, full grown sons in His kingdom. This is God's good pleasure and will.

Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

This action on God's part is in praise of His grace which is freely given us in Christ.

Ephesians 1:7,8 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Redeem means to buy back. We read in Rom. 7:14 N.I.V. "We know that the law is spiritual: but I am unspiritual sold as a slave to sin." Because of Adam's transgression we all have partaken of his sinful nature and become slaves to sin. Jesus shed His blood as a ransom for us and purchased our redemption with His life. Because of the richness and abundance of God's grace, He not only sets us free from the slavery of sin, but in His wisdom and understanding we can have forgiveness for our sin, through Christ. All that is required is to believe and accept.

Ephesians 1:9 "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:"

Through the revelation given to the apostle, God has made known to us what His will is, concerning the ages to come.

This, which was a mystery, God has allowed us to know. This has been planned, in and through Christ.

His plan is, that in the ages to come, He will gather together and make one, all things both earthly and heavenly. All things will find their perfection and fulfillment in Christ. Everything at the present time is divided and most things prey upon one another. This is true in the human kingdom, the plant kingdom and the animal kingdom. What a glorious day when all things will be joined together in Christ and the "Rest" of God dominates the whole creation.

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

We will also share in Christ, the inheritance of the whole creation. The church has been predestinated in God's plan and purpose to partake of this glorious realm of perfection. We can have confidence in this, because it is His will, and He always performs that which is His will.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

After hearing the message of the gospel of salvation we were sealed with the Holy Spirit. Paul calls Him the Holy Spirit of promise, because He fills our hearts with the hope of all the glorious things, that God has planned for His called out ones. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance. He is the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance in Christ, until the day of the full redemption of those who are God's possession.

Ephesians 1:15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Paul was thankful to God for the Ephesian's faith in Christ, and the love that flowed among them. He prayed for them as we should do for one another.

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

This is Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, and it is a prayer that we should continually pray for one another.

The only way that we can know God is if He reveals Himself to us. He is not one who can be figured out by the natural mind. If we are to receive knowledge of Him, He must give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Otherwise He is a closed book. I just read an article written by an unbeliever about God, and he missed the mark by miles. Thank God for the Holy Spirit by which God reveals Himself.

Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Paul continues his prayer that our eyes will be opened, that we may receive understanding and enlightenment, concerning His calling to us. Not only do we need understanding regarding our inheritance through Christ, but he desires that we may understand that God has inherited us as His children. Praise God, we are part of God's inheritance.

Ephesians 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Paul also prayed that the church could understand, and receive, a revelation of the power that God exhibited, when He raised Christ from the dead, and sat Him at His right hand in heavenly places. That is the same realm that was mentioned in Vs. 3 that God is enabling us to enter. The place in which Christ is seated is far above any power in this age, and any age to come.

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

God has placed everything under Christ's feet. He has made Him the Head of the church in all things. He is the Head and the church is His body. The church is His fulness or compliment, or we might say that which completes Him. In that body dwells the Christ who fills the whole universe with Himself.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

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 North Battleford New Year's
 Young People's Gatherings Dec. 29, 2000 - Jan. 1, 2001
 Indiana Young People's Meeting Dec., 2000

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September 15-17, 2000

Camp meeting will be held in the church at No. 13
 Aka Itiam Street - Uyo L.G.A.

Meals will be served during the camp.

October 11 - 15, 2000

Venue: Oron Main Town, Oron L.G.A.

Meals will be served during the camp.

December 18 - 24, 2000

Venue: The church at Ikot Edibon - Nsit Ubium
 L.G.A. The camp will conclude with the noon
 meal on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000.

January 19-21, 2001 Young People's

Venue: The church at Adia Nsit, Nsit Atai L.G.A.
 Akwa Ibom State - Nigeria.

Meals will be served during the camp.

February 13, 2001

Elders/Deacons/Wives Meeting

Venue: The church at Anantigha - Calabar -
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March 23 - 25, 2001

Venue: Church at Ibeno, Ibeno L.G.A.

May 21 - 27, 2001

Venue: The church at Ikot Edibon, Nsit Ubium
 L.G.A., Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. Meals will be
 served in the dining hall. The camp will conclude
 with the noon meal on Sunday, May 27, 2001.

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NORTH BATTLEFORD NEW YEAR'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S GATHERINGS

**December 29, 2000 -
January 1, 2001**

As part of Sharon Schools Educational Program the North Battleford Young Peoples' Gathering will begin with the supper meal Friday, Dec. 29, 2000 and will run through until after dinner or noon meal Monday, Jan. 1, 2001. Bring your usual things: bedding, towel, toilet articles, warm clothing, musical instrument, Bible, notebooks, skates and broomball brooms and hockey gear, gym clothes and footwear. We thank the Mothers for their past contributions of baking and suggest that similar offerings would be gratefully received again this year. (If the Elders feel to send any financial help from the churches, it will be greatly appreciated). This invitation includes you if you are a teenager or older and to newly married couples. Please have one of your young people write at an early date stating approximately the number of boys and girls hoping to attend. Send to Sharon Schools, Box 878, North Battleford, Sask. S9A 2Z3.

Registration Fee: \$20.00 on arrival.

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Bring: Bibles, notebooks, pens and pencils, personals, extra towels and washcloths if desired, snacks for after service.

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